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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

To the FDA:

As an AIDS patient, I rely upon several medications available to me ONLY through a compounding pharmacy. I urge you make sure that the MOU noted above is amended so that it does not limit my access to the treatment that are essential to my continued health. Therefore, I want to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the "Modernization Act," severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!!!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. This is not a safety issue. As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to people like me.

Sincerely,

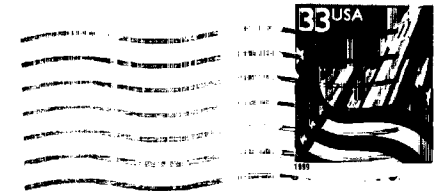
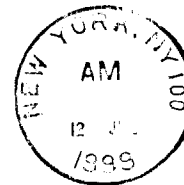


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